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## FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 17th November, 1902. The president, Mr. T. S. Hall, M.A., occupied the chair, and about 50 members and visitors were present.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

From the hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Kershaw, regretting his inability to be present, owing to ill-health and absence from Melbourne. On the motion of Messrs. J. Shephard and O. A. Sayce, the acting hon. secretary, Mr. G. Coghill, was requested to convey to Mr. Kershaw the members' sincere regrets at his continued illness, and to express the hope that he would soon be able to resume his accustomed duties.

The president welcomed Mr. O. A. Sayce to the Club again after his recent severe illness, and mentioned that certain of Mr. Sayce's work on the fresh-water Crustaceans had been referred to by Prof. Howes in his address at the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

### REPORTS.

A report of the excursion to Sandringham on Saturday, 25th October, was furnished by the leader, Mr. C. French, jun., who stated that there was a fair attendance of members. The more interesting plants met with on the swampy ground were:—*Claytonia australasica*, *Utricularia dichotoma*, *Limnanthemum exaltatum*, *Lobelia pratioides*, *Epacris obtusifolia* (rare), and the orchid *Microtis atrata*. On the higher ground were found:—*Daviesia ulicina*, *Aotus villosa*, *Pultenaea palacea*, *Pimelia octophylla*, and *Thelymitra antennifera* with a species of rust fungus on the stem. After considerable search two fine specimens of the orchid *Thelymitra epipactoides*, once common here, were found. Several scale-insects were collected, but other insects, with the exception of the very destructive Cherry Beetle, *Diphucephala rugosa* (literally in millions), and *Stigmodera macularia*, were scarce. Specimens of the Southern Blue-tongued Lizard, *Cyclodus nigro-luteus*, and *Grammatophora muricata* were taken.

A report of the excursion to the Lerderderg Ranges, instead of the Werribee Gorge, on Monday, 10th November, under the leadership of Mr. C. C. Brittlebank, was furnished by Mr. F. G. A. Barnard, who said that though the results were not